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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 14, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-27 for further reexamination on the merits in the present application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement because the PTO has not carried forward its burden of proof to establish distinctness. In particular, MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

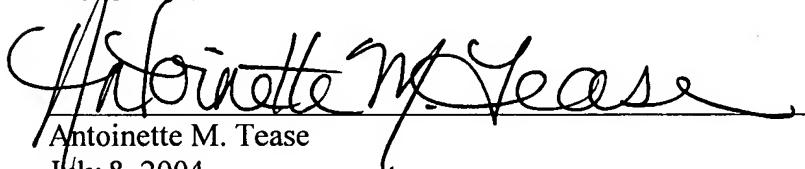
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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